A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) About forty.
(*c*) No information.
(*d*) No.
(*e*) The Government have no knowledge of the reasons which actuated the Council.
(*f*), (*g*) & (*h*) The Government have no information.
(*i*) The matter is under consideration.

Reconsideration of the Government Order regarding the appointment of Mr. J. D. Ryan.

* 1491 *Q.*—Mr. C. D. Appavu Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to reconsider their previous order, G.O. No. 4012, L. & M., dated 18th October 1927, vetoing the appointment of Mr J. D. Ryan as Engineer, Municipal Council, Trichinopoly; and

(*b*) what are the special reasons which made the Municipal Council, Trichinopoly, request the Government to reconsider the order disapproving his appointment?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Nomination of Sourashtras to the Palamcottah and Conjeeveram Municipal Councils.

* 1492 *Q.*—Mr. L. K. Tulasiram: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is at present any member of the Sourashtra community in the Municipal Councils of Palamcottah, Periyakulam and Conjeeveram either elected or nominated;

(*b*) whether there has been any member of this community in any one of these municipal councils since 1920; if so, in what council and for what period;

(*c*) what is the proportion of the Indian Christian community to the total population of the Palamcottah Municipality;

(*d*) how many Indian Christian members now on the Palamcottah Municipal Council are elected and how many are nominated;

(*e*) what is the total number of elected members of the Palamcottah Municipal Council;

(*f*) what is the proportion of the Sourashtra community in Palamcottah to the total population of that town; and

(*g*) whether the Government will consider the desirability of nominating a member of the Sourashtra community on the Palamcottah and Conjeeveram Municipal Councils at least in the next vacancies?

A.—(*a*) There is no nominated councillor of the Sourashtra community at present on any of the three municipal councils mentioned. The Government have no information as to whether there is any elected councillor of that community on those councils.